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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Rejections to Claims

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-8, 10-13, 16-18, 20-22 and 25-27. These claims have been canceled rendering the previous rejections moot.

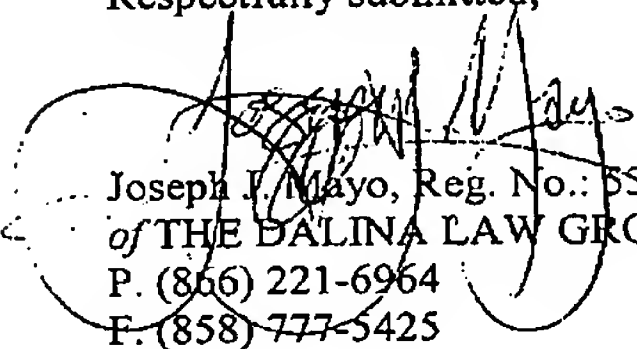
Objections to Claims

The Examiner has objected to claims 9, 14, 15, 19, 23, 24, 28 and 29 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The claims have been amended to include the base claims upon which they depend and all intervening claims.

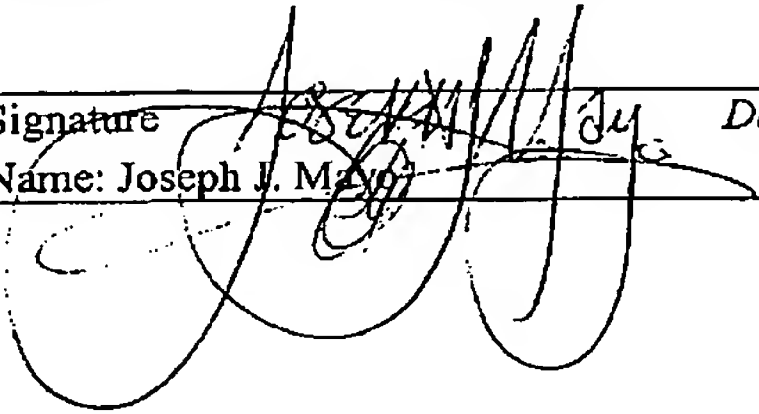
CONCLUSION

As the Examiner has stated that claims 30 and 31 are allowable and claims 9, 14, 15, 19, 23, 24, 28 and 29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, which has been done, it is believed that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicant hereby earnestly solicits a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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